

Warren County Public Health
Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Committee
Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2012
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Present: Pat Belden, Skip Bessaw, Joanne Conley, Mark Donahue, Amy Drexel, Anita Gabalski, John Greening, Bruce Hersey, Ginelle Jones, Bruce Jordan, C. Shawn Lamouree, Dan Larson, Sandy LeBarron, Ann Marie Mason, Angela Meade, Cheryl Murphy, Barbara Orton, Sheri Norton, Stella Racicot, Lynne Rodriguez, Christie Sabo, Laura Saffer, James Schrammel, Gary Scidmore, Keith Scherer, Warren Snyder, Laura Stebbins, Barbara Taggart, Will Valenza, - **Present 29.**

Barbara Orton called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Jamie Schrammel presented a Powerpoint overview on Chemical Suicide (Detergent Suicide or the new term is Hazmat Suicide). He reported information was readily available on the internet. There have been 3,000 incidents since 2007. Even though 90% of incidents have signs attached to the cars, 80% of responders still get hurt. In the U.S. there were three incidents in 2008; and 27 in 2011 in 20 states including New York State. He distributed two informational handouts, which are on file with the minutes.

Agency Updates

- Laura Stebbins, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Glens Falls Hospital (GFH):
 1. Laura presented a Powerpoint program on the New York Fury exercise held on March 27, 2012. She thanked everyone who participated.
 2. Following is Laura's report as presented, in writing, for the minutes.

WARREN COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL April 2012 Report

Provider Partnership in Preparedness

- Program progressing well
- Reviewed at Medical Executive, Department of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics Committees
- Introduction of program to Physician office managers 1/31 with 15 in attendance
- Grand Rounds by Dr. Silvernail March 6th attended by physicians and public health representatives
- Offices requested to participate in 3/27 exercise (template developed)
- Job Action Sheet developed for Physician Office Liaison
- Office response guidance plan developed
- Capacity and capability matrix developed for offices
- MSSNY webcast for physicians regarding office preparedness 4/18
- Site visit to Irongate

NYSDOH New York Fury Regional Partnership Exercise (Refer to Power Point)

- Scenario – Tornado with destruction of elementary school and supermarket
- Tested triage, interoperable communication, regional partnership, and Incident Command.
- Educational sessions prior to and post exercise

Exercises/Tabletop sessions in 2012

- New York Fury exercise 3/27
- Infant abduction drill 4/5
- Chempack tabletop 5/30
- Helistop training, policy review, drill pending in May/June
- Chemical/HazMat in October
- Hospital Point of Dispensing (HPOD) drill September
- Monthly tabletop sessions –3rd Wednesday at noon in Auditorium A
 - January – internal construction site explosion
 - February –tornado
 - March –OR mass pediatric casualties from tornado

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- March –AMS response to tornado/casualties
- April –outbreak of influenza at children's camp
- May 16 –escape of correctional facility patient within the hospital (law enforcement agencies encouraged to attend)**

- Please let Laura know of any other exercises planned in the community, as GFH would like to participate

Forensic Meeting

- Annual forensic meeting to review/revise the Forensic Operational Plan
- Forensic bag (facility maps, access card, master key) available for law enforcement in the event of hostage, active shooter, infant/child abduction, bomb threat)
- Annual staff education via learning network
- Law enforcement encouraged to attend May 16th tabletop session

DOH Surveys

- Pediatric
- Communication
- Critical Assets
- Immunization
- Ventilators
- Bruce Hersey, Coordinating Chaplain, Adirondack Emergency Community Chaplains (AECC):
 1. A Forum "Civic Engagement" will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 1pm at the First Baptist Church, 100 Maple Street, Glens Falls. "The challenge is to successfully and compassionately address the growing needs of people in providing food, shelter and services despite an atmosphere of entitlement and limited resources". Forum participants include Mary Gooden, President of the Glens Falls Chapter of NAACP; Lynn Ackershoek, Ex. Dir., Community Action; Rev. Perry Jones, Ex. Dir., Capital City Rescue Mission and Mark Quandt, Ex. Dir., Regional Food Bank of Northeast NY. All are invited.
- Amy Drexel, Chair, LEPC:
 1. LEPC had a meeting.
 2. Website is updated.
 3. Tier 2 reporting changes as submitted by Amy Drexel below:

The following have been added or removed for the 2011 reporting year.

Added	Removed
Oils, Miscellaneous: Motor 64742581	Ethanol 64175
Waste Crankcase Oils 70514124	Potassium Hydroxide 1310583
Aluminum Chloride 12042-91-0	
Acetone	
N-Propanol	
Cyclohexanone	
Hydraulic Oil	
Isopropol	
Chemical Wipes	
Tetrahydrofuron	
Solvent Blend 75% THF & 25% Methylene Chloride	
Lead 7439921	
Flammable Mixture	

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- Amy Drexel, Coordinator, OES:
 1. Training for NIMS 700 and NIMS 100 continues. Three new supervisors and department heads have been trained.
 2. OES had an intern who helped with the Dam Response Action Plan.
 3. Recovery efforts with Hurricane Irene continue.
 4. OES working on updating the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) after receiving a detailed review list from NYSOEM.
 5. Five components to the Emergency Training Center were erected on Monday. There is still a lot of paperwork that needs to be completed.
- Sandy LeBarron, Environmental Control Manager, Finch Paper:
 1. Working on ICS training for new employees.
- Laura Saffer, BT Health Educator:
 1. Working on volunteer training for May.
 2. Working on a RAD Plan to meet NYS Grant Deliverable.
- Cheryl Murphy, Regional Response Manager, American Red Cross:
 1. Updating local shelter information. Also will continue training process.
- John Greening, CR Bard, Inc.:
 1. The recent tank spill incident required evacuation of all facilities on campus involving 500 employees.
 2. "Hats off" to emergency services.
 3. There were two asthma related conditions that were taken to Glens Falls Hospital and six others with symptoms who were treated and released on site.
 4. There were definite concerns with a full plant evacuation and the length of time being out of the buildings (11:30am to 3:30pm) which resulted in product loss and property issues.
 5. John was open to hearing information and direction from whoever at the meeting who might possibly be able to help in the event of a future incident.
- Skip Bessaw, Westmount Health Facility:
 1. Are preparing for a big scale evacuation event in May and June.
 2. Reviewing Code 3 evacuations and revamping Disaster Manual.
- Joanne Conley, Assistant Tourism Coordinator, Warren County Tourism:
 1. Tourism had a very good response to their 2011 survey. Of the eight million people who visit the area in a year, three million are overnights, four million are day trippers and one million are campers. During July/August, 60% of rooms are full; June/September, 30% of rooms are occupied and May/October are also good months. A full report, as reflected over the past 10 years, will be available soon.
- Ginelle Jones, ADPH, Warren County Health Services:
 1. Relative to the RAD Plan, Ginelle reiterated that all disciplines and partners work together on the plans. A perfect example of this collaboration is the Chempack Plan.
 2. The EPR program is funded by two pots of money, NYSDOH HRI (about \$50,000, used to be \$85,000) and OHS is in a 2nd grant cycle. The first grant cycle is being audited on Thursday.
 3. Ginelle reported that teenagers were now using hand sanitizer and salt to get high which presents it's own set of dangers. In addition, people who use POSH (synthetic marijuana) become aggressive and violent. Visiting nurses have been informed to just get out of the house if this form of behavior is evident.
- Pat Belden, PHN, Warren County Health Services:
 1. There has been an increase in flu; surveillance procedures to report cluster illness are working very well.

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- Gary Scidmore, EMS Coordinator:
 1. Four additional AED's have been purchased.
- Will Valenza, Chief, Glens Falls Police:
 1. Looking for funding to place fire extinguishers in police cars.
- Anita Gabalski, Director, NYSDOH District Office:
 1. NYSDOH District Office was commissioned to serve the order banning the sale of POSH (synthetic marijuana) in Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties. Thirty-eight facilities were listed as selling POSH and each one was visited; four locations had POSH and one location had four large bags of POSH. She thanked the police for their assistance. In response to questioning, at this point, enforcement is complaint based. Please give NYSDOH a call if anyone suspects POSH is being sold. Currently hoping for local laws to go into effect.
- Sheri Norton, GIS Coordinator, Warren County:
 1. Reported the web-based community map was rolled out last month.
- Keith Scherer, Director of Community Outreach, for Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, NYS Senate:
 1. Reported the Senate did pass a law, sponsored by Senator Little, banning POSH under General Business Law to make the sale of product illegal.
- Warren Snyder, NWS:
 1. Relative to campers in the area, most fatalities are weather related; some are preventive and some are just being in the wrong place at the wrong time.
 2. April 29 to May 5 is Severe Weather Awareness Week.
 3. On May 14, there will be a Skywarm training in the basement of the Municipal Center at 7:00pm; this is an overview of common weather incidents in the area. Register on website or email Warren.
 4. Warren asked if the group would be interested in a Watch/Warning Program at either the July or October meeting. Barb Orton will get back to him.
- Barbara Orton, BT Coordinator, Warren County Health Services:
 1. A Chempack tabletop will be held on May 30th. Invites will go out next week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela M. Meade

Remaining 2012 Meeting Dates: (4th Wednesday)

July 25, 2012

October 24, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Warren County Sheriff's Office

A photo ID will be required at registration desk

from the south: I-87 Exit 20 – take a right at the light – left at light - bear left around the circle - 1st left off the circle into Sheriff's Complex.

from the north: I-87 Exit 20 – take a left – across Route 9 - bear left around the circle - 1st left off the circle into Sheriff's Complex.